

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 12-17, 19-21 and 32 are presented. No claims are amended. No claims are cancelled. No new claims are added.

### **Summary of the Invention as Claimed**

The pending claims are directed to methods of treating skin damaged by UV-A and/or -B radiation. The methods comprise applying to the damaged skin a composition comprising : (a) a pulp extract from the *Argania spinosa* fruit; and (b) at least one dermatopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive. In certain preferred embodiments (see claim 19) the extract of the method is selected from the group consisting of a non-saponifiable fraction, a triterpene fraction, lupeol, alpha- amyryne, beta-amyryne, taraxasterol and psi-taraxasterol.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 12-17, 19, 21 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charrouf et al. (Plantes Medicinales et Phytotherapie 25 (203), 112-119, 1991, "Charrouf") in view of Fabre et al. (FR 2724663A1; "Fabre"), further in view of Charrouf et al. (EP 1213025 A1; '025). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Charrouf discloses the identity of some of the major components of the unsaponifiable fraction of the hexane extract of the fruit pulp of *Argania spinosa* (Argan). No specific utility for this pulp extract is reported, although the introduction mentions that Argan oil, derived from the **seeds** (cf. Wikipedia article on Argan oil, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argan\\_oil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argan_oil)), has been used in traditional medicine.